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1. The recent demonstration by APRA supporters in behalf of Marshal Ureta has been ignored officially and nothing of the incident appeared in the press. This occurrence is thought to have some possible connection with the "political cloud" surrounding the Marshal, who has been previously reported as sympathetic to the APRA. It is now rumored that he will soon be sent abroad as an ambassador.  
Comment: On 12 December 1948, about a thousand persons, organized by APRA sympathizers, gathered outside the Church of La Merced when Mass was being said in honor of the Marshal's birthday. As he left the church, Ureta was greeted with shouts of "Viva Ureta!", "Viva APRA!", "General amnesty for all", "Down with tyranny!". Apparently embarrassed by this demonstration, Ureta left hurriedly in his automobile while the crowd surged down the Jiron de la Union toward the Plaza de Armas, shouting their slogans, and waving the traditional white handkerchief in an APRA salute. Not until it reached the Plaza was the crowd broken up by the police. Numerous individuals were arrested.)
2. Communist Party leaders were very much encouraged by the demonstration. They feel that every evidence of APRA's continued popularity with the masses and APRA's "command of the street" means less persecution of themselves by the Government. They hope to be able to convince Odria gradually that he will have to use them as a counter-weight to APRA in street demonstrations, mass meetings, and public gatherings.

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